



The COLLECTIVE CHRONICLES

The Children's Collective, Inc.

Jan 2026

A Poverty Alleviation Non-Profit

WHO WE ARE

TCCI is dedicated to alleviating poverty and transforming lives in South Los Angeles by empowering children, youth, and their families to overcome systemic challenges and build pathways to sustainable success through high-quality, comprehensive, educational and family support services.

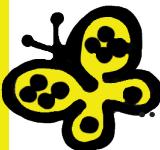
WHAT WE'RE DOING

In This Issue:

- CEO Corner.....p2-3
- Child Development.....p4
- FamilySource Center.....p5
- CalFresh.....p6
- Black Infant Health.....p7
- Feature Photos.....p8-10
- Careers.....p11



WHERE WE ARE



Locations

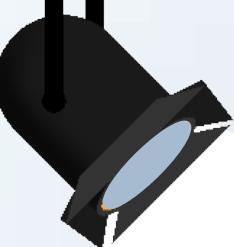
The Children's Collective, Inc. has 10 locations in the South Los Angeles area, offering various programs and services. To learn more, check out our website:

CHILDRENSCOLLECTIVE.ORG

TCCI continuously enrolls for infant, toddler, and preschool programs. Call 424-286-4409.



The Children's Collective, Inc. was founded in 1972 by Dr. Jackie Kimbrough, who served as the Executive Director for 52 years.



CEO CORNER

A New Year, A Renewed Commitment: Honoring Dr. King Through Nonviolence and Service

As we step into a new year, January always invites us to do two important things at the same time: **look forward with hope and look back with gratitude and reflection.**

In 2026, we begin this year mindful of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — a visionary leader whose commitment to nonviolence, justice, and human dignity continues to challenge and guide us. Dr. King reminded the world that “nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding and ennobles the person who wields it. ”That truth feels just as urgent today as it did in his time.

At The Children’s Collective, Inc., we see nonviolence not only as the absence of harm, but as the active presence of care, compassion, and courage. Nonviolence shows up in how we treat families with dignity, how we advocate for children with intention, and how we address poverty not with judgment, but with solutions rooted in love and equity.



As we enter 2026, I am deeply proud of the way our staff, leadership, board, and community partners embody these principles every day. When we expand access to early childhood education, support maternal and infant health, provide food assistance, or connect families to vital resources, we are doing more than delivering services — we are building peace at the grassroots level.

Dr. King believed that the true measure of a society is how it treats the most vulnerable among us. That belief aligns seamlessly with TCCI’s mission. Our work is an act



of nonviolent
resistance against
systems that have historically
underserved communities of color.

Every child we nurture, every family we
stabilize, and every opportunity we create is
a declaration that hope is stronger than hardship.

This new year also invites us to recommit ourselves – not just to growth, but to purposeful growth. In 2026, we will continue expanding our footprint, strengthening partnerships, and innovating how we serve South Los Angeles and beyond. But we will do so anchored in values that refuse to compromise compassion for convenience or justice for expediency.

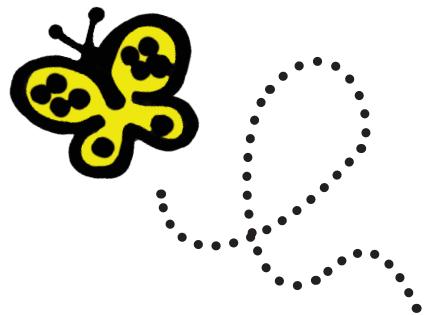
As we honor Dr. King this month, may we remember that his dream was not abstract – it was actionable. It lives on every time we choose collaboration over conflict, dignity over division, and love over fear.

Thank you for being part of the TCCI family. Together, let us move into 2026 with renewed faith, bold vision, and an unwavering commitment to serving our communities through the power of nonviolence.

With gratitude and resolve,

Dr. Charles Lee-Johnson

Chief Executive Officer
The Children's Collective, Inc.



CHILD CARE SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER

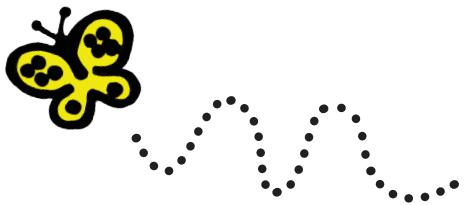
At TCCI, we honor the holiday season by teaching the children about unity, connection, kindness and community. Although we do not celebrate any specific holidays, we still make this season special for the children.

This holiday season, our Willowbrook site was filled with extra smiles and excitement thanks to the generosity of our local California Highway Patrol (CHP) officers. We were honored to receive holiday gifts that brought joy, comfort, and a sense of celebration to our children and families. Our children were thrilled to see the gifts arrive, and the experience created a special moment they will remember for a long time.

We are deeply grateful to Mr. John Davis of the Avalon Gardens Community Association for his continued connection and support of our center. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Davis for connecting us with our local CHP office, making this special holiday experience possible.

We also thank the California Highway Patrol for taking the time to support our site and for showing our children that community helpers care about them beyond their daily duties. Their generosity and kindness helped make the season brighter and reinforced the importance of giving back and looking out for one another.

From all of us—children, families, and staff—thank you for helping make this holiday season truly special.



FSC HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

TCCI's FamilySource Center (FSC) hosted our annual holiday toy and food distribution on December 20th, 2025. Between our FSC staff, CalFresh Healthy Living staff, interns, volunteers, and amazing partners at Hurting and Hurting and Hungry we were able to serve over 150 families. We distributed hundreds of toys, over a thousand pounds of produce, dry goods, turkeys, hams, and chicken to supplement families holiday meals.

This year we also had donations of dishware, hygiene products, and coats that were made available to our families. The coat drive was made possible thanks to our new friends at The Baldwin Group who provided literal warmth to our community this holiday season. The day was filled with fun, holiday cheer and joy.

We embodied the spirit of the holidays by raffling off numerous scooters, bikes, skateboards, and speakers to some of our lucky families. As 2025 comes to an end we look to carry this momentum of joy, hope and action into 2026. The FSC would like to thank all of our partners, friends, and community members who make our work toward alleviating poverty and transforming lives in South Los Angeles possible.



CALFRESH GIVES THE GIFT OF PRODUCE

During the month of December, CalFresh partnered with TCCI's FamilySource Center (FSC) to provide fresh produce to 200 families. We also participated in the FSC's Winter Event on December 20th, where CalFresh promoted healthy eating and encouraged families to get a head start on healthy lifestyle changes before the new year.

Produce Distribution Highlights

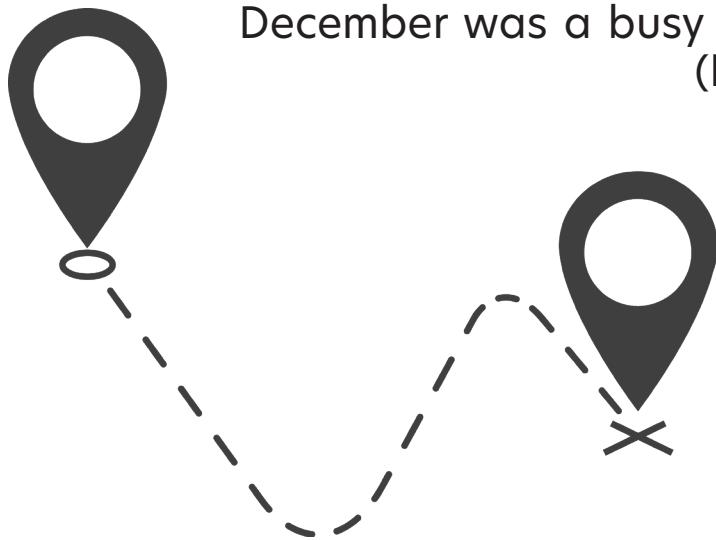
- In December, we completed three produce distributions.
- Distributions took place at the following sites: Hope, McAlister, Casa, and Florence.
- Families received a variety of fresh produce, including squash, peppers, and strawberries.

Coming Up Next

CalFresh will continue conducting produce distributions into the new year. Program updates and changes will begin in January. CalFresh will also remind teachers and parents about the Organizational Wellness Policy during parent meetings, reinforcing healthy habits across the organization and within the families we serve.



BIH OPENS NEW SPACE FOR 2026



December was a busy month for the Black Infant Health (BIH) program as we completed our move into our new location at 1182 W. 24th Street in Los Angeles. While the transition temporarily paused certain services—such as the start of new group sessions—we were grateful to remain connected with participants and continue providing support and resources throughout the month.

Due to the recent move, we were unable to host a formal holiday gathering at the TCCI BIH office. However, we look forward to making up for it by celebrating BIH participants and our new BIH location in early 2026.

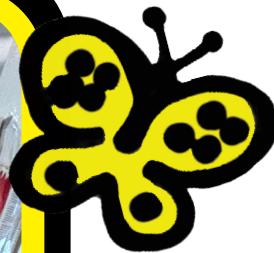
We are also excited to announce that the BIH program will be opening a satellite office at Van Ness and Manchester. This new space will allow BIH to host additional group sessions in a location that may be more convenient for participants. The satellite office will serve as a gateway for BIH participants to connect with other services, including our Child Development Program.

The BIH program would like to send a special “Thank You” to Ms. Jessie Wade and the members of Grant AME Chuch for their donations of grocery gift cards for our families. We would also like to say “Thank You” to TCCI Board Member Anjetta Bowles and her family for donating baby clothing and other baby items to the BIH program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help many families.

Although December was a busy month, we are deeply thankful for the families and communities we serve. We look forward to welcoming our BIH and TCCI families into our new spaces and continuing to grow together.

FEATURED PHOTOS: FSC HOLIDAY DISTRIBUTION

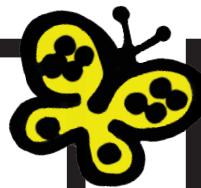






SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Subscribe to our digital newsletter!



Get the newsletter delivered right to your inbox, every month.

Scan the QR code to the right or go to tcci.kit.com/newsletter-signup



HELP US START OUT STRONG IN 2026! DONATE NOW!

Join us in alleviating poverty in South LA. Head to our website:
childrenscollective.org/donate

NOW HIRING

The Children's Collective, Inc.



**EARLY INTERVENTION
SPECIALIST**

Child Development

LEAD CASE MANAGER

FamilySource Center

MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

General Hire

**PRE SCHOOL TEACHER
ASSISTANT**

Child Development Program

PRE SCHOOL TEACHER

Child Development Program

To Apply:

To browse any of our open positions, please go to childrenscollective.org/careers or scan the QR code to the right.

Thank you for your interest in employment at The Children's Collective!

